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1. Vice-President Nereu Ramos and other Partido Social Democratico (PSD) members who formerly enjoyed favor with Getulio Vargas have undertaken a movement to bring about cooperation between the Partido Trabalhista Brasileiro (PTB) of Vargas and the PSD. Conversations, which do not at present envisage personal understandings between President Dutra and Vargas, are based on the belief that all parties should rally around the Government in order to prevent the Communists from infiltrating the opposition parties. As the mere idea of a close understanding between these two leaders has confused a great many people in political circles, Ramos is moving cautiously in his efforts. Vargas reportedly has agreed that his PTB should give more active support to Dutra.
2. Ramos has pointed out to Dutra the fact that Vargas is still a mighty force in the labor group and has suggested that the latter be permitted to suggest the name of a new Labor Minister to replace Minister Morvan de Figueiredo, who has made several errors of which the Communists have taken advantage.
3. Serving as intermediaries between Vargas and the present Government are the following: Joao Alberto, Salgado Filho, and Alencastro Guimaraes.

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